

SUMMARY.

The Queen Victoria Memorial Fund has been established. The King acknowledges the generous support given to the fund throughout the dominions.

There are widespread tributes of mourning for the late Lord Strathcona throughout Canada.

The London newspapers suggest that the accident should be buried in St. Paul's Cathedral.

It is rumoured in Ottawa that the Hon. Robert Borden is likely to go for new High Commissioner for Canada in London.

The general strike in South Africa has been declared off "until further notice."

A new controversy is in progress regarding the result of the British naval meetings, at which naval experts are to be considered.

It is reported that Mr. Churchill desired to withdraw, but that after revision the number was raised to four.

Mr. Sydney Buxton says the time has gone at the last plenary session of the Conference of the Commonwealth, but that after revision the number was six.

The Government, however, must secure "absolute security for its shores."

Mr. Sydney Buxton, at Bournemouth, said that Mr. Borden was a "good speaker" and partially closed the door to a settlement.

"But, in short, the door is not barred."

Mr. Borden's speech was delivered in 23 fathoms of water, a mile and a half offshore from the point of his disappearance.

A French Canadian member of the Canadian House of Commons has moved to repeat the motion of Naval Art of 1913.

A group of Quebec members supports him. It is unlikely that the measure will receive any general support.

The Government, however, has agreed to the proposal of the Canadian Association on Australian conditions in the meat industry.

American producers, he said, were entitled to be placed on equal terms with Australians.

Mr. Soper, ex-Governor of New York, is reported as the chief witness in the graft trial.

Five men were sentenced through an explosion in the Boston mine at Blaenau Ffestiniog.

The body of Thomas Williams, a native of Sydney, was found on a steamer, has been buried in a disused pit near Wolverhampton.

Rock was a stranger in Wolverhampton. On Saturday he had a wallet containing dollar bills, all of which he had won in a game of cards.

An electric current in a position at the Royal Mail GPO, Birmingham, and tour people were killed.

A male dancing master is using Cardinal Avenue for training, owing to the predicted opening of the new hall.

Every trace of Al�n's claim to the title of world's swiftest champion as a joke.

He says that James Phillip indubitably has the first right to a match.

Several boxers have been fined for selling cards as prime English.

Mr. George Reid added his tribute to the late Lord Strathcona yesterday.

The new land and the old land often called him "the man of steel," Sir George said, and never called in vain.

The Pictures Protection Boards are to be abolished.

Farmers and traders fear that their incomes will be lowered to a minimum due to adult suffrage.

Two loan bills were introduced in the Victorian Assembly yesterday for railway and public works.

The Melbourne Harbour Trust intends to borrow £1,000,000 for the wharfing of the port.

The National Hospital Committee has decided to recommend the abolition of private wards in the hospitals.

A recent proposal has arisen in connexion with the arrival of big immigrants at Australia from England.

The R.W.L. is meeting to have the boys placed in positions where they will receive a good education.

Two inquiries have been arranged in regard to the birth of the British child, N.Z., and the name will be reported to-day.

The Theatrical Employees' Federation has decided that its members shall refuse to work in the theatre.

The Federal Government has decided to make the new port of Callao available for trade.

The Royal Canadian Government has decided that the new port of Callao should be constructed without delay.

The estate of the late Mr. L. Phillips has been valued at £10,000 for probate purposes.

The League of the Blind has called upon all persons to take action in regard to strike without consulting the council.

Mr. W. O'Brien, vice-president of the committee, has been nominated, without opposition, for the coming elections.

The League of the Blind has increased its strength and financially during the past half year.

The Grand Council of the Theatrical Union has decided to make a campaign to get all employees in the theatre to join the industrial Aristocratic Council, resulting for breaking of strikes.

The report of the Public Works Contractors Association predicted the day labor policy of the Government.

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NAVAL ESTIMATES.

DIFFERENCES IN CABINET.

KEY TO THE SITUATION.

JAPAN.

SPEECH BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

DIFFICULTY WITH UNITED STATES.

SYDNEY ENGINEER.

FOUND DEAD IN ENGLAND.

EVIDENCE POINTS TO MURDER.

THE ABATTOIRS.

MEN DEMAND 26 A WEEK.

CRISIS FEARED.

SCULLER V. SHARK.

FIGHT ON THE PARRAMATTA.

THE DOCTORS.

OUTSPOKEN MEDICAL MAN.

THE UNION BLACK LIST.

UNION TABOO.

VENGEANCE AFTER FOUR YEARS.

THE AUBURN STRIKE.

WHARF MEN.

VICTORIAN POSITION.

NONE FOR PEACE.

MELBOURNE. Thursday. Some relief was experienced to-day when it was known that the Sydney Wharf-labourers' Union had decided that the conditions of the old agreement should be adhered to by its members.

When the council of the Waterside Workers' Federation met to-day they were in exactly the same position as they occupied last Friday.

Then they decided to seek another conference with the shipowners, but the Sydney wharf-labourers' trouble intervened and negotiations were stayed.

With normal working conditions restored, President of the Waterside Workers' Federation, Mr. W. H. Hughes, M.P., was able to communicate with the chairman of the Commonwealth Steamship Owners' Federation (Mr. E. Northcote).

To-day the council sat for nearly two hours considering the general position in anticipation of a second conference being held with shipowners early next week.

It is understood that substantial reductions in the claims contained in the bill will be offered, in order that an agreement may be arrived at.

WILLING TO CONFER.

MELBOURNE. Thursday.

Mr. Wm. Hughes, M.P., after the meeting of the council of the Waterside Workers' Federation to-day, said: "The wharf-labourers' Union regards the result of the Sydney meeting with satisfaction. These disturbances almost certainly caused a loss of a few thousand pounds to the shipping industry.

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AMERICAN GRAFT.

"STATE-WIDE INVESTIGATION."

EVIDENCE OF EX-GOVERNOR SULZER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. The Premier (Mr. Holman) and the Vice-President of the Executive Council (Mr. Flowers) were the guests at luncheon yesterday of the Queensland Parliamentary draughtsman (Mr. J. L. Woolcock). Others present included Dr. Carruthers and Mr. J. M. Hedstrom, M.L.C. of Levuka, Fiji.

Mr. Sulzer, ex-Governor of New York State, is appearing as the chief witness in Attorney Whitman's "State-wide Graft Investigation." Mr. Sulzer swore that Mr. Charles Murphy, Tammany Hall leader, threatened to wreck his administration unless he appointed Murphy to nominate him as Commissioner of Public Works.

Mr. Sulzer said that he offered to appoint the man, as he had attempted graft, and thereby disgraced the State. Mr. Murphy thereafter used all Tammany's influence to drive him out of office, and said when he (Mr. Sulzer) stated that he intended to be his own Governor: "Like Hell, you will. I'll see where you end up quick."

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 21. Georges Carpenter has practically accepted the terms of the Dulac syndicate to buy McCoarty for a sum of £2,000,000.

The Building Industries Federation in London, replying to the circular of the employers, suggests the withdrawal of the circular for the purpose of enabling the master builders to confer with the representatives of the trade unions.

The "Daily Mail" says the Opawa's amatec-sympathetic crew had been working steadily, and maintained a fraction of a knot below the normal speed of the vessel. There was no shirking of work, though they severely suffered from the hot weather in the Tropics.

The English Church Union has expressed sympathy with the Bishop of Zanzibar's action, and has referred his letter to the Secretary of State, and the resolution of the Lambeth conference of 1888, to its legal committee, to consider the questions arising therefrom affecting the Church's doctrine and discipline.

The death is announced of Lady Allen, widow of Sir George Wigram Allen.

Sir Ernest Shackleton has invited Sir Daniel Gooch to join the Antarctic expedition, and his acceptance of the invitation is likely.

Several butchers have been fined for selling chilled meat as prime English.

PARIS, Jan. 21. A dancing-master, considering that his business interests have been attacked by Cardinal Amette's condemnation of the Tango, is asking the Prelate for a sum amounting to £4,000.

Mr. Frank Gardner, of the "Daily Mail," says the supposed last patrol of mounted police, which was sent to arrest a man in the far north, has returned with the man who was sought in connection with the abduction of a girl, who was living at Fortupine Valley, Rocky Mountains. The girl was dressed in boy's clothing. The police trip occupied three months. Indians reported finding horses and rifles, and this led to the belief that the police had perished.

LINGHAM (Utah), Jan. 21. Five men were entombed through an explosion in the Boston mine. Rescuers were unable to penetrate the mine, owing to burning timbers, but three bodies were later recovered. The mine is reported to be full of poisonous gas.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21. Ex-President Taft, addressing a gathering of college students, called a halt of the movement towards the so-called pure democracy. Nowadays, he said, such a movement culminated in ridiculous exhibitions such as a school-children's strike. The newspapers popularised the idea, which was then further encouraged by their offspring in them, as if they displayed courage and enterprise. The ex-President censured sexual plays and literature. The United States, he said, was not going into socialism.

ADEN, Jan. 21. The native soldier who fatally shot Colonel Walker of the 10th India Regiment has been sentenced by the deceased to a fortnight's imprisonment for a breach of discipline.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21. An explosion wrecked the heating apparatus of a huge pavilion built with cement, in connection with the Ottawa Winter Exhibit.

Four people were killed instantly, and it is expected that, while the wreckage is being removed, other bodies will be found.

BRISBANE, Jan. 22. A military aviator named Schweizer was killed by a fall from his machine.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

SEAMEN IN THE MAKING.

PRACTICAL WORK.

LONDON, Jan. 22. Mr. Sidney Low, in the first series of his lectures at King's College, on "The Government of the British Empire," said that on a superficial view the Empire lacked nearly all the elements of unity.

There was no community of race, language, culture, or religion; no common language, marriage laws, naturalisation laws, bankruptcy, commercial or land laws; no Empire flag legally. Common unity lay in the supremacy of the Crown and the comprehensive power which the law attributed to it. The law did not recognise the Empire; it recognised only the Dominions and the possessions of the Crown.

In spite of local theoretical supremacy, the Imperial Parliament and colonial opinion were moving towards equality of institutions. There was no inclination overseas to question the authority of the Crown, though there was a disposition to restrain within narrow limits the technical supremacy of the Imperial Parliament.

GERMANY'S PROTECTIVE DUTIES.

BERLIN, Jan. 22. Dr. Delbrück (Minister of the Interior) stated in the Reichstag that the existing protective duties must be maintained.

German agriculture in particular, he said, must keep its present protection. There was no occasion for Germany to denounce any of its commercial treaties of 1906.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 22. On the Stock Exchange yesterday prices of Australian mining ventures were:—British H.M., £24/6; a 35/6; B.H. North, £2/6; a 63/6; B.H. South, £2 1/2/3; a 27/18.

BARQUE OVERDUE.

LONDON, Jan. 22. The Seestern has been re-issued at 40 guineas.

The German barque Seestern is considerably overdue at Cattura, Bremen, on the West Coast. She sailed from the northern port on October 27 last, and is therefore 87 days out. The Seestern, which is a vessel of 442 tons, was built in 1892, and is owned in Hamburg.

TORPEDO BOAT DISMABLED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday. Dismable was caused in naval and shipping circles to-night when it became known that the torpedo boat Countess of Hopetoun had been sunk at Moon Bay, where she was being manoeuvred.

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PERSONAL.

The Premier (Mr. Holman) and the Vice-President of the Executive Council (Mr. Flowers) were the guests at luncheon yesterday of the Queensland Parliamentary draughtsman (Mr. J. L. Woolcock). Others present included Dr. Carruthers and Mr. J. M. Hedstrom, M.L.C. of Levuka, Fiji.

Sir Arthur and Lady Rutledge, of Brisbane, who have been staying in Tasmania for a few days, are on a visit to Sydney.

Judge Rooley, the British member of the Commonwealth Court, will leave by the Pacific on Monday on his return to the New Hebrides.

Sir Richard Butler, South Australian Minister for Public Works, Mines, and Marine, arrived in Melbourne by the Adelaide express on Wednesday, to leave for Sydney on Friday.

Captain A. G. Smith, at present officer commanding H.M.A.S. Dromedary, has been appointed acting second member of the Naval Board, a position former filled by Captain Hughes Onslow.

The position carried a salary of £1000 a year. Captain Smith is an officer of the British Navy. He succeeds Captain B. M. Chambers, R.N., in the command of the Encounter.

The "Daily Mail" says the Opawa's amatec-sympathetic crew had been working steadily, and maintained a fraction of a knot below the normal speed of the vessel.

There was no shirking of work, though they severely suffered from the hot weather in the Tropics.

The English Church Union has expressed sympathy with the Bishop of Zanzibar's action, and has referred his letter to the Secretary of State, and the resolution of the Lambeth conference of 1888, to its legal committee, to consider the questions arising therefrom affecting the Church's doctrine and discipline.

The death is announced of Lady Allen, widow of Sir George Wigram Allen.

Sir Ernest Shackleton has invited Sir Daniel Gooch to join the Antarctic expedition, and his acceptance of the invitation is likely.

Several butchers have been fined for selling chilled meat as prime English.

PARIS, Jan. 21. A dancing-master, considering that his business interests have been attacked by Cardinal Amette's condemnation of the Tango, is asking the Prelate for a sum amounting to £4,000.

Mr. Frank Gardner, of the "Daily Mail," says the supposed last patrol of mounted police, which was sent to arrest a man in the far north, has returned with the man who was sought in connection with the abduction of a girl, who was living at Fortupine Valley, Rocky Mountains. The girl was dressed in boy's clothing. The police trip occupied three months. Indians reported finding horses and rifles, and this led to the belief that the police had perished.

LINGHAM (Utah), Jan. 21. Five men were entombed through an explosion in the Boston mine. Rescuers were unable to penetrate the mine, owing to burning timbers, but three bodies were later recovered. The mine is reported to be full of poisonous gas.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21. Ex-President Taft, addressing a gathering of college students, called a halt of the movement towards the so-called pure democracy. Nowadays, he said, such a movement culminated in ridiculous exhibitions such as a school-children's strike. The newspapers popularised the idea, which was then further encouraged by their offspring in them, as if they displayed courage and enterprise. The ex-President censured sexual plays and literature. The United States, he said, was not going into socialism.

ADEN, Jan. 21. The native soldier who fatally shot Colonel Walker of the 10th India Regiment has been sentenced by the deceased to a fortnight's imprisonment for a breach of discipline.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21. An explosion wrecked the heating apparatus of a huge pavilion built with cement, in connection with the Ottawa Winter Exhibit.

Four people were killed instantly, and it is expected that, while the wreckage is being removed, other bodies will be found.

BRISBANE, Jan. 22. A military aviator named Schweizer was killed by a fall from his machine.

LONDON, Jan. 22. Mr. Sidney Low, in the first series of his lectures at King's College, on "The Government of the British Empire," said that on a superficial view the Empire lacked nearly all the elements of unity.

There was no community of race, language, culture, or religion; no common language, marriage laws, naturalisation laws, bankruptcy, commercial or land laws; no Empire flag legally. Common unity lay in the supremacy of the Crown and the comprehensive power which the law attributed to it. The law did not recognise the Empire; it recognised only the Dominions and the possessions of the Crown.

In spite of local theoretical supremacy, the Imperial Parliament and colonial opinion were moving towards equality of institutions. There was no inclination overseas to question the authority of the Crown, though there was a disposition to restrain within narrow limits the technical supremacy of the Imperial Parliament.

GERMANY'S PROTECTIVE DUTIES.

BERLIN, Jan. 22. Dr. Delbrück (Minister of the Interior) stated in the Reichstag that the existing protective duties must be maintained.

German agriculture in particular, he said, must keep its present protection. There was no occasion for Germany to denounce any of its commercial treaties of 1906.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 22. On the Stock Exchange yesterday prices of Australian mining ventures were:—British H.M., £24/6; a 35/6; B.H. North, £2/6; a 63/6; B.H. South, £2 1/2/3; a 27/18.

BARQUE OVERDUE.

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ESCAPEES FROM AMBRYM.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

LA FRANCE AND THE MISSIONARIES.

The following official statement in regard to the Ambrym eruption and the work of rescue was made yesterday by the convener of the Presbyterian Foreign Missions Committee; the Rev. R. J. H. McGowan:—

"On Monday, December 8, Dr. Bowie, the Rev. Mr. Franklin, Mr. Lang, Mr. Ballantyne, and Mr. C. C. Miller started back for Ambrym in two launches. They were sailing along the coast, looking for natives who might not have been able to escape. They found a few old people, who had not the physical ability to reach a place of safety at Craig's Cove. These they rescued.

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